

MINUTES
MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SHANNON WILKERSON - VIRTUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ashley Brady

Councilman Joseph Frazier

Councilwoman Tassie Lewis

Councilman Ronald Atkinson

Councilman Ralph Atkinson

Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt

Councilman Michael Baker

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Ammons, City Administrator

Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk

Patricia Brown, City Treasurer

James Brogdon, City Attorney

Chief Bobby Crawford

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Brady.

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ashley Brady said prayer and pledge.

3. WELCOME CITIZENS, GUESTS & PRESS – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY

Mayor Ashley Brady welcomed all guest.

4. MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Mayor Ashley Brady stated that the first order of business is he needs a motion to amend the agenda. *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker. A brief discussion inserted here, including the reason why.*

The motion carried.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, seconded by both Councilman Joseph Frazier and Councilwoman Tassie Lewis, to retain Emerson. The motion carried.

6. APPROVE MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 13, 2021

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier to approve the minutes for the Regular scheduled meeting. The motion carried.

7. APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY

Mayor Ashley Brady stated that this particular week is National Police Week so in honor of all of our Law Enforcement Officers that do such a fine job. We are going to name all our Police Department Employees of the month; in what they do for us, and it being National Police week.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION 4 YEAR TERM

- Philip Atkinson – Reappoint May 2021 for term to expire May 2025
- Perry Grice – Reappoint May 2021 for term to expire May 2025
- Michelle Washington - Reappoint May 2021 for term to expire May 2025
- Fred Gause - Reappoint May 2021 for term to expire May 2025
- Ronnie Cribb - Reappoint May 2021 for term to expire May 2025
- Kenneth Foxworth - Reappoint May 2021 for term to expire May 2025

Mayor Ashley Brady mentioned that we need to reappoint the following. Philip Atkinson, Perry Grice, Michelle Washington, Fred Gause, Ronnie Cribb, Kenneth Foxworth for a 4 year term. *A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to reappoint the read names for another 4 years.* The motion carried.

9. 1ST READING ON ORDINANCE 21-02, AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to give first reading on Ordinance 21-02, An ordinance to appropriate Hospitality Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The motion carried.

10. **1ST READING ON ORDINANCE 21-03, AN ORDINANCE TO SET MILLAGE FOR RAISING FUNDS AND TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARION, FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to give first reading on Ordinance 21-03, An ordinance to set Millage for raising funds and to adopt the budget for the City of Marion, fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The motion carried.

11. **1ST READING ON ORDINANCE 21-04, AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ESTABLISH A STORMWATER UTILITY REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2021-2022**

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to give first reading on Ordinance 21-04, An Ordinance to appropriate and establish a Stormwater Utility Revenues for the City of Marion for the year 2021-2022. The motion carried.

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 21-05 ORDINANCE TO CONVERT TO STANDARD BUSINESS LICENSE DUE DATE OF APRIL 30, WITH MAY 1 START OF LICENSE YEAR**

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to approve Ordinance 21-05 Ordinance to convert to Standard Business License due date of April 30, with Mat 1 start of License year as presided by the State. The motion carried.

13. **TREE CITY USA – LOIS EDWARDS**

Mayor Ashely Brady stated Mrs. Lois Edwards is our representative for Tree City USA for close to 30 years, and does a good job of keeping our trees up.

14. **REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – MR. MARCUS ROBINSON**

Mr. Marcus Robinson introduced himself and his partner Ms. Justine Roberts. He's the founder of a tutoring. He's asking to use the Shannon Wilkerson, AC Tollison. A brief discussion inserted here. ***A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to allow administrator in conjunction with Mayor to deal with Mr. Robinson with what he wants to do and come up with a time plan for Basketball purpose; youth and allow him to have the leeway to have approved suggested time plan as long as it works within the confine of the recreation.*** The motion carried.

15. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – MR. BENNIE DAVIS SR.

Mr. Benny Davis started by passing out a handout. The summer is about eight weeks and if our youth do not have something to do during that time. They will find their self-getting in trouble. Mr. Davis also said on the handout are things he would like to do, and whatever days are fine. It's like a summer camp, because of covid. While the recreation was having basketball they only had two to three weeks of basketball. They didn't have a camp, practice or anything, and with the program that you all are looking at. Everyone paid the \$21 dollars and played Recreation ball will come free. Anyone else come they will come back and then they will go to court and if found guilty they won't be in the program anymore. We have to give our young people some incentive. I'd rather have a basketball in their hands instead of a gun.

Our Adult program have been going on about two years and we stopped with covid. We've never had any trouble Police was never called up there. We all be respectable. Always clean up. Never got a write up. With the program two young people are graduating from college and did there internship under Mr. Davis at the program. The program really works. If you don't decide to do that program, come up with something, because we got to come up with something to help our youth. A brief discussion took place more. ***A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt to put Administrator and Mayor in conjunction and Recreation Department figure out something that way we won't hold up public.*** Brief discussion took place. The motion carried.

16. DISCUSSION ON CITY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Mayor Ashley Brady started by mentioning the Recycling center by the City Shop is a disaster. We have had it under AWS a number of years, and CWS and if you have driven by there you can see that it is a disaster. The dumpsters are full. No recycling going on at the recycling center. There are 8 dumpsters there and you can go there anytime and find (I have pictures) weed eaters, chain saws, refrigerators, tires, mattresses, you name it, it ends up at the recycling center. It's not recycle material. All that material is going straight to the land field. House hold garbage in there. It's a dumping center. People go up there it's full they don't take it back. They lay it on the ground in the front of it. It's right in the center of town and it's an eye sore for the City of Marion. So we've got a couple different options for recycling center. First option is to close it down completely. If it's close down completely. They would have to take recycles out to the county. Recycle center out on Senator Gasque Rd. It's open Tuesday through Saturday. It's a reduction of about \$ 800 a month, \$ 9,600 a year if we close that recycling center. A brief discussion inserted here. Mayor Ashley Brady continued and stated another option is if we wanted to offer recycle to our residence curbside. It would be a blue container. They would have to pay \$32 a month to have a separate cart to dump twice a month and we'd have to have at least 100 individuals to sign up before they would even offer it to us. In addition the City would have a tip edge fee which is about \$150 a ton. So they City of Marion would pay about extra \$600 a month. A brief discussion inserted here. Mayor continued stating that he has Patricia run the preliminary for someone on part time basis. We're talking a minimum \$19,000 a year to be there and you know what's going to happen and the gate's closed. They are going to throw it outside the gate and we are going to have to clean it up the next morning. If we are going to get \$20,000 I'd rather give it to existing City employees. A brief discussion inserted here. ***A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, to amend motion that we close the Recycling Center down with the motion inclusive that we give our business owners and people of relevance until August 1, 2021 so that we will be able to get whatever they need done.*** The motion carried.

17. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**Covid-19 – City Operations**

Mr. Ammons started by mentioning covid-19 and City operation is pretty much back to 95% and our rentals are 2 a week. Our plan is to start June 1, CD Joyner. Several vaccination sites listed here. Just got this, this afternoon DHEC wants to come June 18 to Tollison Center to do some vaccinations and we will have some testing going on at Grice's next week or following week.

Update CTC Projects

Couple CTC projects so you will be aware of what's going on. Bobby L. Davis the hiccup with the 12 inch water line and kind of slowed it down. Grand Strand wasn't aware it was there. It was found live and functional. They are planning to do it May 26 to move that line. It will affect about 200 customers in that area will be out of water that day, and that is why the time has been pushed out. They are sending letters out this pushed out. They are sending letters out this week to let its customers know on the 26th from 9a.m. until at least 5:00 the water will be cut off. If it's bad weather that day they will do it the 27th. Once they start they will stay until they get that water back on. Probably a week after that

Update on LED Lighting Project**Miscellaneous****18.****19. DISTRICT AND CITY UPDATE FROM COUNCIL AND MAYOR****Mayor Ashley Brady:****Councilman Michael Baker:****Councilman Joseph Frazier:****Councilman Ronald Atkinson:**

Councilman Ralph Atkinson:

Councilwoman Tassie Lewis:

Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt:

13. ADJOURMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to adjourn. The motion carried

Mayor Ashley Brady

Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk
April 13, 2021